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Consolidation of Offices of the Department of Public Social Services

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is seeking approval of a contract with M. Arthur Gensler, Jr. and Associates (Gensler) for a Strategic Master Space Plan (SMSP). The goal of the SMSP is to evaluate DPSS' current space portfolio and identify opportunities to reduce the need for traditional office space and maximize the use of technology, while continuing to provide high-quality, effective service to residents of Los Angeles County (County).

As part of its work on the SMSP, Gensler will assess whether there are current DPSS facilities that could or should be consolidated. In the Second Supervisorial District, there are three DPSS facilities that could potentially benefit from consolidation: Compton District (211 E. Alondra Boulevard, Compton); South Special/South Family Districts (17600 A and B Santa Fe Avenue, Rancho Dominguez) and Paramount District/GAIN Region V (2961 E. Victoria Street, Rancho Dominguez). These facilities are in need of significant improvement due to their age and accumulated deferred maintenance and lack of

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convenient access for DPSS clients. Gensler will also assess the possibility of establishing small, geographically-distributed satellite offices in conjunction with a potential, new consolidated office.

The consolidation of these offices would require the identification of available sites that meet DPSS' needs and conform to the County's Facility Location Policy. Historically, it has been a challenge to identify sites in the Compton area, an urbanized community with few parcels in close proximity to public transit that are large enough to accommodate a consolidated DPSS operation. Given the long lead time that will be required to locate potential sites for consolidation, beginning that process concurrent with the Gensler study would be appropriate.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to identify potential sites for such a consolidated facility and report back in writing to the Board of Supervisors within 120 days on the results of their search.

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